

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 23, 2000

Ron Oliver, Treasurer
The Democratic Party of Arkansas
Federal Account
1300 West Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Identification Number: C00024372

Reference: Amended Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99), dated 12/8/99

Dear Mr. Oliver:

This letter is to inform you that as of March 22, 2000, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated February 29, 2000. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Andrew Dodson on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Dear Mr. Oliver:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses a transfer(s)-in from a non-federal account(s) for administrative/voter drive which appears to exceed the permissible amount(s) indicated by your allocation ratio for administrative/voter drive. Please be advised that transfers for shared activity must not exceed the non-federal share of the joint disbursements and that these transfers must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of these transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$149,089.71 in transfers from your non-federal account. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule H3, however, indicates the total to be \$1,869,558.24. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-On Schedule H1 of your report, you have counted too many points in the Ballot Composition box for state and local party committees. Please refer to the instructions on the back of the may not take more than the number of points printed on each line. Please amend your report to include a corrected Schedule H1 and note that a change in this ratio may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments they may have made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Scott Francis

Reports Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

